

Sangamon Valley LEPC

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AGENDA

September 18, 2014
8:30 AM

Sangamon County OEM Building
2801 N. Fifth Street
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Meeting Called to Order by David Butt, Chairman

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (07/17/2014)

Self-introductions

Recognition of LEPC Members

Welcome to Visitors

Purpose for this being designated as our Annual Meeting

New Business

Release of Waste Oil into Jacksonville Branch on September 8

Rockford Fire Dept. PowerPoint from 2014 Winnebago Co. LEPC Conference

LEPC Issues from 2014 IEMA Conference

General Session on West, TX Explosion

Funding Alternative for LEPCs

Break-out Sessions on Bakken Crude Oil Transport

Pre-Conference Training on Commodity Flow Studies

Old Business

Commodity Flow Studies

Bakken Crude Oil Transport

Site Specific Planning Project

Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) Grant

Threat & Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment

Other Business

Public comment

Around the room

Next meeting: November 20, 2014, at Office of the State Fire Marshal

Motion to adjourn the formal LEPC meeting

Opportunity for the invited public to review our planning documents & ask questions

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MINUTES OF THE SANGAMON VALLEY LEPC MEETING – September 18, 2014

Call to Order - The Chair, David Butt, called the meeting to order at 8:30 am, at the Sangamon County OEM Training Room, 2801 North Fifth Street, Springfield IL. This is the 2014 annual meeting designated specifically for public viewing and receipt of comments on our emergency plans. This meeting gives emphasis to the “community right-to-know” portion of EPCRA (Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act).

There was a quorum with 19 members present: Jeph Bassett, Springfield Fire Department (SFD); David Butt, Sangamon County OEM; Brian Churchill, St. John’s Hospital; Joe Crowe, Athens - Fancy Prairie Fire Dept.; Alicia Davis-Wade, IL State Veterinary Medical Assoc.; Tracy Garrison, Sangamon County GIS; Larry Graf, Menard County EMS; Stephanie Howard, Memorial Medical Center; Joe Kloba, Sangamon County 9-1-1; Tim Krell, Sangamon County Board; Mike Lopez, Village of Jerome; Pat Metz, City Water Light and Power; Mike Moos, Sherman EMA; Dick Rentschler, MABAS Division 48; Chris Richmond, SFD; Bill Russell, Sangamon County Rescue Squad; Ken Scarlette, Springfield Police Department; Diana Wade, Sangamon County Department of Public Health; and Linda Wheeland, Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission.

Approval of the Minutes - Minutes from the previous LEPC meeting were distributed via e-mail prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Joe Crowe, seconded by Linda Wheeland and approved unanimously to accept the minutes from July 17, 2014.

Introductions - Self-introductions were made. Eight visitors were present: Greg Michaud, Johnson Depp & Quisenberry; Mike Crews, Taylorville Fire Department; Dan Ray, Safety Consulting Services; George Krebs, IL Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA); Russ Steil, retired SFD chief; and Bob Flemming, Kevin Sledge and Lori Canterbury from IL Emergency Management Agency (IEMA). All were welcomed.

New Business

Release of Waste Oil into Jacksonville Branch on Sept. 8 – Ten days ago, there was a fire at a muffler shop in the village of Jerome. SFD put out the fire, but waste oil stored in plastic totes for winter use with a garage heater was washed into the storm sewer system and made its way into Jacksonville Branch, traveling to Washington Park in Springfield. Chris Richmond spoke about SFD’s fire response to Jerome. George Krebs addressed the ongoing clean-up of this hazardous material in the waterway. Mike Lopez spoke to the community’s views. This was apparently lawful storage of this waste hazmat. The duty of an LEPC is to obtain information on other prescribed categories of hazardous materials being stored. It would have required voluntary preplanning with SFD by the muffler shop for this hazard to have been known before the fire.

Rockford Fire Department (RFD) PowerPoint – The Chair received permission from RFD Division Chief Joe Corl to show the LEPC a PowerPoint that was presented last April at the 2014 Winnebago County LEPC Conference. RFD was faced with an Anhydrous Ammonia release and sent in 6 entry teams in Level A suits to halt it, without success. This made it necessary to put a flow of water on the vapor being released to protect the surrounding public as the tank was depleted. The off-site consequences of water run-off made the use of water an undesirable option, but necessary. Vegetation and fish were killed, but no people were injured. This incident and our local incident show examples of the extent of off-site consequences. At Jerome, the fire department was not aware of stored hazardous materials. At Rockford, the fire department was aware and made numerous attempts to stop the release before the option with off-site consequences became necessary.

LEPC Issues from 2014 IEMA Conference – The IEMA Conference was 2 weeks ago and covered many LEPC issues. The last general session had a first-hand account of the West, TX explosion. The Chair will notify committee members when slides from the PowerPoint presentation are available. Three railroads (RRs) conducted a break-out session on Bakken Crude. Jeph Bassett acted upon an offer by the CN RR to hold a future meeting with the SFD chief. Greg Michaud directed a pre-conference training on Commodity Flow Studies. The LEPC may contract with Greg for looking at activity along I-55. The Chair had a long conversation with IEMA Assistant Director Joe Klinger about the need to find funding alternatives for LEPCs. This conference continues to be free and all members should mark their calendars for the Wednesday thru Friday after Labor Day to consider attending all or part of the 2015 IEMA Conference.

Old Business

Commodity Flow Studies and Bakken Crude Oil Transport – Both topics were featured during the IEMA Conference. Three national RRs travel thru Springfield, which brings a hazardous materials safety threat to highly populated areas. During the summer, all RRs notified IEMA of actual or intended unit train movements of Bakken Crude thru the state, in accordance with an Emergency Order by USDOT. The latest information indicates that Menard County has no Bakken Crude and Sangamon County has an average of one train per day (minimum 35 cars carrying Bakken Crude) on the BNSF RR. This is less than 10 miles of trackage in the southwest corner of the county, going thru unincorporated Lowder.

Site Specific Planning Project – All LEPC planning documents were available for public inspection in the center of the room. Mike Crews has delivered plans for the 9 sites storing Chlorine, pursuant to his contract. Three of these plans were on display in their binders. A bid was sought for printing the 9 plans (4 copies per plan), but it was deemed to be too high. The Chair has purchased paper, binders, tab dividers and needed postage for publishing and distributing these plans. The Chair's contribution of time to the project serves as our hard match that the HMEP Grant requires.

Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) Grant – The Chair has submitted our grant application for activities during the next federal fiscal year (funded with FFY2014 money). Kevin Sledge is the state's grant administrator. He has returned the application for more clarity on an expense item. The Chair indicated that this is actually a good thing, because additional members are showing an interest in the 2015 Winnebago County LEPC Conference. It will be held April 16-17.

Threat & Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA/THIRA) – The Chair again thanked everyone who participated in the HIRA activity during the July LEPC meeting. It was followed by a THIRA activity with municipal police chiefs on August 6, during the Sheriff's regularly scheduled Sangamon County Police Chiefs meeting. IEMA's Planning Cell welcomed the opportunity to lead both activities as it is seeking local corroboration of information it submits for the state-wide THIRA.

Other Business

Public Comment – None before adjournment.

Around the Room – Mike Crews identified that Enbridge, Inc. has training funds for fire departments serving their pipelines. The Chair checked, but Enbridge does not cross either Sangamon or Menard Counties. Alicia Davis-Wade shared that some of her veterinarians are interested in greater involvement with response and recovery activities. The Chair asked if any might be interested in joining our LEPC and Alicia believes this may be so and will inquire further.

Meeting Closure – The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for 8:30 am, November 20, 2014, at the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM). Other meetings are 1/15/15 and 3/19/15, also at OSFM and 5/21/15, at the Athens City Hall. There being no further business, a motion was made by Mike Moos, seconded by Chris Richmond and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 am. The LEPC Chair and Secretary remained available until 11:30 am for the invited public to review planning documents and ask questions. Several visitors at the meeting remained after to view our plans.